



Msgr. Lloyd Torgerson presiding over the 100th Anniversary memorial service at the Pascual Marquez Family Cemetery this past New Year's Eve.

st. monica catholic community

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Jason Farmer, Dir. of Com. and Tech., x548
Mike Mottola, Parish Admin., x519
Sr. Catherine Ryan, RSC, Pastoral Assoc., x536
Geoconda Ruiz-Hoffman, Parish Council, x133
Deacon Frank Vargas, x585

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Thom Gasper, Principal
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IN RESIDENCE

Rev. Willy Raymond, CSC
Rev. David Guffey, CSC

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

Monday - Friday:
6:30 and 8 a.m.; 12:10 p.m.
Saturday: 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m.;
1:15 p.m. (Youth) and 5:30 p.m.
Holy Days:
6 p.m. (Vigil), 6:30, 8 and 10:30 a.m.;
12:15 and 6 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Monday - Friday: 5:30 - 6 p.m.
Saturday: 4:30 - 5 p.m.

COMMUNITY HOURS:

CHURCH

Sundays: 7 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Monday - Friday: 6 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Saturdays: 7:30 a.m. – 6:45 p.m.

PASTORAL CENTER

Sundays: 8:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Saturdays: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

SPIRITUALITY CENTER LIBRARY

Sundays: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
1st and 3rd Fridays: 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

BOOKSTORE

Sundays: 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.
3 p.m. – 5 p.m. (by appt. only)
5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Saturdays: 12 p.m. – 7 p.m.

 <http://www.stmonica.net/facebook>

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pastor's corner

My brothers and sisters:
Happy New Year!
Today, we celebrate the
Baptism of the Lord,
which also marks
a new season of
Stewardship for our
community here at St.
Monica. This feast is
a direct reminder of



our own baptism, and reflecting on our Savior's experience with the Holy Spirit and John the Baptist in the Jordan River, helps us to renew our own commitment to the life of faith. This journey of the Spirit is woven into our relationships and our community, and that is what makes today such a wonderful day to commit ourselves to a life of good Stewardship.

Stewardship, as a Catholic way of life, is taking on the role of caring, as a Steward (or Stewardess!), for the gifts that God has given us. It is often categorized by the three T's – Time, Talent, and Treasure. But as a way of life, the manifestations of living as a Catholic Steward are numerous and varied, and you can see them alive in our generous community today. We have global stewardship in our care for Africa and Mexico. We have local stewardship in our ministries to the homeless, the suffering, and the forgotten. We have personal stewardship in our ministries that serve the body, mind, spirit, and relationships. We have the stewardship of our gifts in the knowledge, talents, experience, and love that we share with others through volunteering and service. And we have financial stewardship in the generous and joyful act of sharing and giving a portion of our treasure back to God. Stewardship sometimes has the bad rap of being only financial. To be honest, it is a tremendous help and necessity for all the other facets of our community to operate, but financial stewardship remains a facet among many.

Join with us this weekend and renew your commitment to a life of Stewardship at St. Monica.

A couple reminders: our Book Club meeting is on the 17th, Men's Cornerstone on the 29th, and Women's Cornerstone on Feb. 26th. And please pray for our seniors as they go on their Kairos retreat this week!

Msgr. Lloyd Torgerson, Pastor
(310) 566-1500 | msgr@stmonica.net
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Administration

STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL WEEKEND

This weekend is Stewardship Renewal Weekend. Include St Monica in your New Year's resolutions by committing to an increase in your offertory giving to the Parish.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

OFFERTORY REPORT: MONTH OF NOVEMBER 09

*Offertory Total: \$147,044

Budget: \$171,037

Difference: -\$23,993 *basket offertory, mail and electronic donations

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

CARING WITH FAITH

Catholic Perspectives on End of Life Decisions

Monday February 1,8,15 in the PC Chapel 7:00-8:30 PM

Did you know the fastest growing age group if people over 80? Are you a member of the sandwich generation? Are you a Caregiver who wants to know how to care for themselves? Where do I get support? What does it mean to have a "good death"? How can I be a steward of my own death? Join as for these three speaker sessions. It might change your life (or death).

STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

90 SECOND STEWARDSHIP

Want to know more about Stewardship? Go to "90 Second Stewardship"

<http://90secondstewardship.blogspot.com/>

PRAY FOR ME

If you, or someone you know, is in need of a prayer simply send an email to prayforme@stmonica.net Please provide the name of the person or persons and the intention of the prayer (health, employment, peace of mind, RIP, etc.). Prayers will be said daily. All requests are confidential.


2009 TAX LETTER

2009 Tax Statements and Letters will be mailed out by January 31, 2010. Thank you for all of your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns please contact **Chrystal Hagerty, Database Coordinator** at 310-566-1513.

"BUILDING our future" update

imagine

As we begin the New Year, we look forward to a big year with the St. Monica Capital Campaign and building project: the next phases of fundraising; continued approvals from the City and the Archdiocese; and your continued support. Imagine something wonderful and new at St. Monica in 2010! Be a part of the Campaign.

**The Campaign
for St. Monica** 
Catholic Community

PLEGGED: \$15.6 million **GOAL:** \$27 million

BLDG. START: 2010

INFORMATION: www.stmonica.net/campaign

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS NEEDED

Are you a friendly person who enjoys greeting others? Would you like to meet other people in our parish community? Do you have a welcoming presence? Is something pulling at you to do something more at liturgy? If your answer is "yes" or even "maybe" to any of these questions, then you may be an ideal candidate to become a Hospitality Minister. Our Hospitality Ministry has a mission to reach out in dedicated service with a welcoming spirit of inclusion to all of our brother and sisters in Christ. If you think this ministry may be for you, please contact John Putnam, Hospitality Ministry Coordinator, at john@putnamsourcing.com or (310) 428-3689 for more information.

LECTOR NEEDED

We are in need of a lector for our 12:10 daily Mass. If you are a current lector and attend the 12:10 Mass or if you are not currently a lector but would like to become please contact **Lloyd Frederick** at (310) 392-7744.

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm in the Spirituality Center. We invite you to come and join in their prayer and discussions and to find out how you can become involved with a special devotion to the Blessed Mother and service to the community. Please stop by and check it out.

HEARING ASSISTANCE IN THE CHURCH

We have installed a new hearing assistance system in the church building. We have receivers that can be checked out at our liturgies for people who need assistance hearing the sound system. To check out one of these receivers, please ask one of the hospitality ministers.



THE BABYSITTING AT THE 5:30 NEEDS YOUR HELP

The babysitting service that operates each Sunday from 5 pm – 7 pm in the Upper Duval is in need of gently-used children's books and games, music videos, and cds. If you have any of these items you would like to donate to the babysitting service, please contact **Nina Madok** at email ninamadok@earthlink.net or **Susan Scarafia** at altwater@gmail.com. You are also invited to make use of the service each Sunday evening.

FAITH-SHARING QUESTIONS

THEME: Baptism gives us new life

ADULTS: What meaning does your Baptism have for your everyday life?

CHILDREN: Why does Baptism make you special?



EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

Sunday, January 10, 2010

Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16., 21-22

7:30 am Mary Ann Wielock† Fr. Willy
9:30 am St. Monica Parishioners Msgr. Lloyd
11:30 am Reymundo Gonzalez, Jr.† Fr. Willy
1:15 pm Eva Abarca-Hernandez† Msgr. Lloyd
5:30 pm Anna Topia Clayton† Fr. Tim

Monday, January 11, 2010 | 1 Sm 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday, January 12, 2010 | 1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28

6:30 am Loli Ceniseroz†
8:00 am Jack McPartland†
12:10 pm Mrs. Eleanor Parkinson†

Wednesday, January 13, 2010 | 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39

6:30 am Lauren Wohl
8:00 am ZaidaElena Castro
12:10 pm Maureen Tucker

Thursday, January 14, 2010 | 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45

6:30 am Katie Dewey†
8:00 am Anya Haisha†
12:10 pm Marie Carper†

Friday, January 15, 2010 | 1 Sm 8:4-7; 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12

6:30 am Gayle Smith McWilliams
8:00 am Mrs. Taylor†
12:10 pm Elizabeth Condelli

Saturday, January 16, 2010 | 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17

8:00 am Mary Ayad
Is 62:1-5; Ps 96; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11
5:30 pm Francine Gallati Fr. Tim

Sunday, January 17, 2010

7:30 am Thomas Ricci† Msgr. Lloyd
9:30 am Barbara & Arthur Ortega Fr. Tim
11:30 am St. Monica Parishioners Fr. David
1:15 pm Peter Mockary† Fr. Tim
5:30 pm Francis Aquino† Msgr. Lloyd

To have a special intention said for someone during a Mass, please speak with a Receptionist in the Pastoral Center.

CONFESSIONS

Monday	Fr. Tim	Thursday	Fr. Willy
Tuesday	Fr. David	Friday	Msgr. Lloyd
Wednesday	Fr. Tim	Saturday	Fr. Tim

INTERCESSIONS

Pray for the Sick

Bill Allen, John Anderson, Ray Auer, Ynn Brothers, Dyanna Claverie, Fr. Frank Ferrante, Donna Garcia, Dannis Goode, Cynthia Kron, Honey Boy Lichauco, Mary McEvoy, Tom Preciado, Craig Sellars, John Walker

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Borchien Lai and Laura Martinez

st. monica catholic schools

ST. MONICA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS: DIVIDENDS FOR LIFE

It's January 2010 which means that those of us at the elementary school are getting ready to celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2010!

The theme this year is "Catholic Schools Dividends for Life." It is a very appropriate theme. A recent study conducted by Georgetown University on the status of Catholic Schools in the United States provides some important information to confirm this notion of dividends for life.

The study found that the six highest-ranking factors influencing parental decisions to select a Catholic school are, in order:

1. Quality religious education
2. Safe environment
3. Quality academic instruction
4. Discipline and order
5. Sense of community
6. Affordable tuition

Additionally, parental satisfaction with Catholic schools is generally quite high:

- 38% Excellent
- 44% Very Good/Good
- 15% Fair
- 4% Poor

Some other interesting information about our own parish elementary school: All full-time teachers possess California teaching credentials. Five of our teachers hold post-graduate degrees. All our graduates apply, test, and are accepted into multiple Catholic high schools, including our own Saint Monica Catholic High School.

You'll be hearing more about our Catholic Schools Week celebration as we progress through the month; and, of course, you'll be seeing a lot of our students at the Masses on January 30th and 31st.

In the meantime, if you are interested in learning more about St. Monica Catholic Elementary School, we invite you to visit our website: www.stmonicaelem.com or pick up our school brochure at the welcome table.

You are also invited to our annual Open House for Prospective Parents, scheduled for Tuesday, February 2nd, at 7:00 pm. We would love to see you and show you how we demonstrate those highest ranking factors above to our elementary school!

Kim Tuverson, Marketing & Outreach Coordinator SMES
(310) 451-9801 | kim.tuverson@stmonicaelem.com

ST. MONICA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

APPLICATION DEADLINE AND ENTRANCE EXAM QUICKLY APPROACHING

The application deadline and entrance exam are quickly approaching. The application deadline for incoming 9th graders for the 2010-2011 school year is Friday, January 15th. The high school placement test (HSPT), a prerequisite for admission, is scheduled for Saturday, January 30th at 8am. All students who opt to take the HSPT at St. Monica are eligible for financial aid consideration. A complete admissions timeline and online application are available at www.stmonicahs.org/admissions

SMCHS ONLINE APPLICATION ASSISTANCE



SMCHS will host an online application help session on Tuesday January 12th to assist prospective families with the online application process. Sessions will be held between 5:30pm to 7:30pm in the SMCHS library. For more information, please contact **Mr. Alex Chacon** at (310) 394-3701, x449

HELP OUR PARISH SCHOOLS AND HAVE A S.M.A.S.H.ING GOOD TIME!

St. Monica's annual S.M.A.S.H. (St. Monica Academic & Spiritual Heritage) Dinner & Auction is just around the corner and the planning has already begun. S.M.A.S.H. will be held this year on Saturday, April 17th at the Jonathan Club in Santa Monica. This event helps raise much needed scholarship funding for students at both of our schools. If you are an energetic and passionate person and interested in serving on this year's committee, please contact **Alex Chacon, Assistant Principal: Director of Advancement**, at (310) 394-3701 ext. 449 or at achacon@stmonicahs.net Special areas that we need help with this year include procurement, community outreach, marketing, ministry coordination, and creative event planning. With your inspirational help we can make S.M.A.S.H. 2010 the best yet!

Alex Chacon, Assistant Principal: Director of Advancement
(310) 394-3701, x450 | achacon@stmonicahs.net

YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FORMATION

FAMILY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

BIBLE CAMP

Registration is now open for our Summer Bible Camp. Students will come daily for the week of June 22 through June 26. The actual sessions are 9:00 to 3:00. Students learn by active participation in games, relay races, plays, and various activities that make their faith come alive. Students need to wear comfortable clothing as this is an activity oriented camp and they will be participating in fun activities. If you would like to register for this event, please e-mail Marie@stmonica.net as the enrollment is limited and students are accepted on a first come, first served basis.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Classes resume today January 10.

HOUSEHOLDS OF FAITH PACKETS

If you have signed up for this program, your child should bring home a January saints calendar with activities for you to do with your child during the month of January.

MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY

In observance of this holiday, there will be no Religious Education classes on Sunday, January 17.

Marie Slaton (Sunday through Thursday)
Family Religious Education Coordinator
(310) 395-8903 | marie@stmonica.net

YOUTH MINISTRY

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

Year 2 Confirmation Class today at 12:50 pm.

Year 1 Confirmation Class will resume on January 24.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY- FISH PROGRAM

SAVE THE DATE: Our next gathering will be on January 24th, 2010, at 5:00 pm.

Fr. Tim Klosterman | *Youth Ministry Coordinator*
(310) 310-566-1508 | timothy@stmonica.net

Natalie Hoskins | *Faith Formation Assistant*
(310) 566-1508 | nataliehoskins@stmonica.net

community life and groups

THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME RECEPTIONS!

If you are new to the parish community please consider attending a New Parishioner Welcome Reception this winter season. Meet fellow parishioners. Meet Msgr. Torgerson, clergy, and staff, and enjoy light refreshments and drinks. Learn about your community. Here are the dates of our upcoming receptions. Please pick one that works best for you!

Friday, Jan. 22nd, 7 pm (RSVP By Jan. 18th)

Sunday, January 31st, after the 5:30 pm Mass (RSVP By Jan. 25th)

Sunday, Feb. 14th, after 9:30 am Mass (RSVP By Feb. 8th)

RSVP to: **Marcus** at (310) 566-1540 or marcus@stmonica.net Free!

50 AND OVER MINISTRY

Get ready for the Oscars and catch up with some films. Join us for an evening of movies and drinks afterward on Saturday, January 16th. Meet us on the Promenade in front of the AMC Theater on Arizona at 6:45pm. Look for Connie in the red sweater and black scarf. Contact **Connie** at oneillvilla@verizon.net if you have any questions.

BAKE SALE

Sponsored today by:

Serra club

Please join them in the patio after Mass for coffee and donuts.

The Community Life and Groups Ministries of St. Monica provide numerous opportunities for participation through a variety of groups and activities that enrich the faith of our community through fellowship.

GAY AND LESBIAN OUTREACH (GLO)

St. Monica Gay and Lesbian Outreach is a fellowship where gay and lesbian people of faith are welcomed to explore their spirituality and share their experience, strength, and hope with one another. GLO hosts Bowling Night! Gather for an evening of fun, food, fellowship, and fabulous shoes! It's all happening at the AMF Bowling Center in Santa Monica on Sunday, January 31, after the 5:30 Mass. Grab some fabulous food from the fabulous diner for dinner at the bowling alley and bowl the night away. For more information, please contact **Brian** at bgregro29@gmail.com For more info go to our website at http://www.stmonica.net/community_life/glo/index.html

YOUNG MINISTERING ADULTS

Young Ministering Adults is the response of the St. Monica Catholic Community to the spiritual and social needs of singles and couples in their 20s and 30s. Check out our new Facebook page -St. Monica Catholic Community YMA, this is the official page of the YMA at St. Monica. You can also check our website at www.stmonica.net/community_life/yma/index.html or pick up hardcopies of all our flyers at YMA events, at the Pastoral Center, or at the Welcome Table.

Come along with YMA Peace and Justice for a Beach Clean Up! We'll join Heal the Bay of Santa Monica for a couple of hours on Saturday, January 16th, to clean up one of our lovely local beaches! Meet at St. Monica's parking lot at 9:30 am, and we'll carpool and clean the beach together from 10-12 noon. This is a fantastic way to show your community spirit and love for our natural environment! Contact us to sign up or get info: **Elsa** at ecce1921@hotmail.co / (310) 409-9435 or **Niamh** at niamh_doherty@yahoo.com / (408) 483-8307.

Don't lament the end of caroling season - join us at the Gas Lite bar and restaurant on Saturday, January 23rd, for a whole new reason! YMA invites you to an evening of Karaoke. It may not be pretty, but it will definitely be entertaining! We'll be there starting at 8 PM. Gas Lite- 2030 Wilshire Boulevard, Santa Monica, CA 90403. Contact **Kristin** (310) 430-5567

(knjacobson@gmail.com) or **Chris** (310) 749-8583 (aquarin73@hotmail.com) with questions. No RSVP required.

Jot down the date of our next Get Acquainted Dinner on Sunday, January 24th, at 7 pm in the Pastoral Center for all young adults new to the parish and YMA. Contact our Welcome Committee, **Lisa Marie** at lisamariewynne@hotmail.com or **Chris** chrismeehanbrothers@gmail.com Check our website at www.stmonica.net/community_life/yma/index.html for more information.

TTF - THIRTY-FIVE THRU FORTIES MINISTRY

The Holidays may be over but join us for some winter fun!

Howl at the Moon- Saturday, January 16th

Join us at the infamous Dueling Piano Bar in Universal City Walk for a raucous evening. Billed as the most fun you can have without breaking any of the 10 commandments. We will carpool from St. Monica's leaving at 7 pm (meet at 6:40 pm). Cover charge is \$5 (\$10 after 8 pm).

Dollar Mania is back!! Wednesday, January 27th, at 8:30 pm at AMF Bayshore Lane (Pico Blvd. and 3rd St.) Join us for some bowling and brew, or just kick back and socialize with TTF. Bowling is \$10 cover, \$1 shoe rental and \$1 a game, the best bowling deal in L.A. Check out the Flyer for details.

For more information about these events or TTF, please contact TTF at st.monica.ttf@yahoo.com or **Gerard** at 310-430-0101 or **Karen** at 310-464-7337.

50 AND OVER MINISTRY

Formerly called ZMA, the 50 and Over Ministry is simply fellowship for adults over 50. Contact any of our team leaders for more information: **Pat Bruce** at paddybruce@aol.com or (310) 591-7939, **Connie O'Neill** at oneillvilla@verizon.net or **Barbara Harrison** at rabakkah@earthlink.net or at (310) 453-2086. Contact Barbara if you want to be on our list for free tickets to theater and play outings.

Delis G. Alejandro, Pastoral Associate
(310) 566-1531 | delis@stmonica.net

adult spirituality and enrichment

The *Adult Spirituality and Enrichment* Ministries of St. Monica provide many opportunities for ongoing faith formation and enrichment for adults.

RCIA INQUIRY

Are you interested in learning about Catholicism?

Maybe you have never received the sacraments of Baptism or Holy Communion. If you would like to come to a deeper understanding of the Catholic faith through the sacraments, please contact the RCIA- we offer year-round classes in Catholic faith studies. Our new RCIA group will begin on January 4th, 2010.

The RCIA is currently enrolling new members for classes. Please call **Sr. Catherine** for an appointment at (310) 566-1536 or e-mail her at srcatherine@stmonica.net

SPIRITUALITY OF THE TWELVE STEPS

Tuesdays at 7:30 pm, Trepp A&B

Led by Herb Kaighan, this workshop uses the Big book of Alcoholics Anonymous to focus on personal transformation and spiritual awakening through a precise working of all twelve steps. This workshop is not affiliated with any twelve-step fellowship; it is all inclusive. All are welcome. For more information, call **Herb** at (310) 377-3194.

ADULT CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASSES

Are you 21 years of age or older and have not been Confirmed? Consider the Confirmation Preparation Class. To enroll, contact Sr. Catherine in the Adult Formation Office.

Preparation classes for 2010 are scheduled from 9:00 am-4:00 pm on the following dates:

January 16 and 23
February 6 and 13

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Wednesdays at 7:30 pm
Spirituality Center

This group meets on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm. There is an informal introductory session for newcomers at 7:00 pm. Contact **Marie McAdam** at desertwisdom@earthlink.net or (818) 906-3904.

CORNERSTONE RETREATS

Cornerstone Men's Retreat- Jan. 29 & 30
Cornerstone Women's Retreat- Feb. 26 & 27
www.stmonica.net

This unique 26 hour retreat provides men and women the opportunity to reflect, renew, and strengthen their faith.

All meals and accommodations will be provided. Information and registration forms are available at the welcome table, Pastoral Center, and online at www.StMonica.net/Cornerstone

Sr. Catherine, Pastoral Associate
(310) 458-5940 | catherine@stmonica.net

MARRIAGE INFORMATION NIGHT

Wed., January 27th at 6:45 pm in the Duval Center # 1.

Those wishing to be married at St. Monica (or prepared here for a wedding elsewhere) are invited to attend this meeting. This is the first step in marriage preparation before any specific wedding arrangements can be made. This month's Marriage Information meeting will be Wednesday, January 27, 2010. The February date will be Tuesday, February 23rd.

ST. MONICA'S BOOK CLUB

Please join us to share your thoughts on the following book. *Mother Teresa's Secret Fire* by Joseph Langford.

Date: Sunday, January 17th, 2010
Time: 3:00 pm
Location: Pastoral Center, St Monica

Books can be purchased at the Saint Monica's Book Store.

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FAITH ODYSSEY TEAM

Yesterday we held our annual Faith Odyssey Conference and many came to "rediscover their blessings". We would like to give a special Thank You to our Faith Odyssey Team and all of our volunteers that came together for many hours of planning, prepping, and hard work. God bless them for their service that enables so many to experience a day of relaxation with a wonderful prayer service, uplifting speakers, and a nice lunch.

Planning for Faith Odyssey 2011 will be underway soon so don't miss your opportunity for a "faith lift" in January 2011!

THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

Contemplative Prayer meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 7:30 pm, Trepp A & B

Join Dr. Jim Finley for an evening of reflection and contemplative meditation. Each evening begins with a reflection by Dr. Finley, followed by approximately one hour of sitting and walking meditation. All who are interiorly drawn to silent meditation as a way of experiencing God's presence in their lives are encouraged to attend.

Our session on January 21 is cancelled. Our next session will be on February 4.

MARRIAGE INFORMATION NIGHT MUSIC FAIR!

Wednesday, January 27, 8:00 pm in the Church

Attention to all couples who are planning their wedding at St. Monica!

On Wednesday, January 27, at 8:00 pm, a Music Fair will be held to showcase our parish community musicians and vocalists. This is a wonderful opportunity to see and listen to the music and cantors who help you plan your wedding music. As a couple getting married at St. Monica, you are given the opportunity to choose the vocalist for your wedding. That person, in turn, helps you plan the music for your wedding liturgy. This event will ease the selection process for you. All are invited to attend this event at no charge. No reservations are required.

peace and social justice

THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

SAVE-THE-DATE

Habitat Winter Olympics Event on Saturday February 13th!! Come join us in for an evening of food, music, and fun, especially our very own Habitat Olympic events (winter carnival games, team-building competitions, Wii winter sports tournaments, Olympic games viewing, and much more). You'll find us in St. Monica's "Olympic Hall" (aka the Elementary School Auditorium) from 7 pm to 11 pm. Tickets will be on sale soon - all proceeds will benefit our Habitat ministry's local builds and build trips, both domestic and international.

HOLY CROSS AFRICA MINISTRY

Holy Cross Africa Ministry wishes to thank all of those parishioners that joined us at California Pizza Kitchen on Wilshire Blvd. off the Promenade this past weekend to help raise funds for the Veronica Lineberry Fund that supports nutritional supplements for parishioners of Holy Cross Church in Dandora, Kenya who are challenged with HIV AIDS. We will let you know the grand total later. The ministry will continue to accept donations towards our Scholarship Drive for children in the primary and boarding schools. Contact **Trevor Rodrigues** at trev.rodrigues@gmail.com for more information on these and other programs.

The Peace and Justice Ministries of St. Monica Parish Community seek through education, and advocacy to transform ourselves and those we serve by responding to the Christ in everyone. Our ministries provide opportunities to reach out to those in need and learn more about our Catholic faith's call to justice.

CHRISTMAS AT CAMP MILLER

Saint Monica's Restorative Justice team was joined again by Msgr. Torgerson at this year's Christmas liturgy for our young brothers at Camp Miller, a juvenile detention center for



male minors located in Malibu. Once again the 5:30 Choir provided the music at Mass with nearly 100 youths attending and a wonderful crowd of volunteers to worship with them. Friday night saw a team of volunteers going up to Camp Miller to decorate the gym and set it up for Saturday's Christmas celebration. Msgr. Torgerson's homily focused on Nelson Mandela and his internment for decades in South Africa and his forgiveness of his captors and going on to be President. It was an inspiration to the minors as well as the volunteers. With such a large group, Msgr. Torgerson was still able to individually give communion or bless those not receiving communion to all those present.

After Mass, a festive party commenced with a long table of goodies provided by the volunteers. It was an unending line of young men going for firsts, seconds and even thirds and soon all was gone. To make sure the guys had cards for their families and friends, Christmas cards from St. Monica parishioners were donated as well.

There is no way to adequately describe how much this meant to the kids, and it has to be admitted, it meant as much to the volunteers to be with our young brothers who will not be with their families for Christmas this year. As best as possible we hoped we served as their extended family. Along with

the celebration and laughter there were many unexpressed emotions that lead to repeated abrazos and the guys thanking the volunteers. It was our best Christmas EVER.

Michael Rohla

Member of St. Monica's Detention Ministry

CHRISTMAS AT ST. ROBERT'S CENTER

Our Christmas weekend at the St. Robert's Center (Dec. 19-20th) was busy and worthwhile! On Saturday, we made sandwiches for lunch, and cooked waffles, bacon & sausage for Sunday's holiday brunch. We prepared family grocery bags; sorted clothing; and created hygiene kits, complete with ribbons and handwritten Christmas cards. On Sunday, volunteers



cooked eggs and oatmeal, prepared the buffet, and made more sandwiches. An assembly line of volunteers served the guests who waited patiently to receive their special meal. Grateful to have a hot meal and some Christmas cheer, our guests

smiled and thanked us. After brunch, guests received desserts, lunches, hygiene kits, needed clothing items, and warm holiday wishes.

It was wonderful to bring the good news of God's love for all his people! Our next volunteer weekend is Jan. 30-31, 2010. If interested in helping, please email **Lynn** at lkurata15@gmail.com.

Lynn Kurata

Core Team Leader, St. Robert's Center

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Pastoral Care Ministries consist of ministries in which parishioners can receive help in time of need and where parishioners of all ages – in the spirit of stewardship – volunteer their time, talent and spiritual energy to bring the heart and hands of Jesus Christ to those who need comfort and care.

SO WHAT IS STEPHEN MINISTRY?

Stephen Ministry is a ministry developed to train and organize lay persons to provide one to one Christian care in and around congregations, with emphasis on confidentiality. This Ministry is named after Stephen, the first lay person chosen by the Apostles to care for the needs of that early congregation (Acts 6:1-6). The Ministry was started by Dr. Kenneth C. Haugk, a St. Louis Pastor and Clinical Psychologist. As a parish Pastor in 1975, he realized that the needs for care in his congregation exceeded what he alone could provide, so he drew on his psychological and theological background to train nine members as “Stephen Ministers” to assist him with pastoral care. This is done at no cost to the receiver. Later that year he and his wife Joan founded Stephen Ministries to bring this caring ministry to other congregations.

The Stephen Series has now been implemented in more than 9,000 congregations representing more than 100 Christian denominations. More than 450,000 laypersons have been trained as Stephen Ministers, who in turn have ministered to nearly a million care receivers. Currently, 16 St. Monica parishioners serve as Stephen Ministers in our parish community but over the years about 50 to 60 people have been trained.

WHAT IS A STEPHEN MINISTER?

A Stephen Minister is . . .

a child of God who walks beside a hurting person; a caring Christian friend who really listens; a lay person who has received 50 hours of training in how to provide distinctively Christian care; assigned to a care receiver of the same sex and with whom they will meet with once a week; required to attend ongoing supervision every two weeks.

A Stephen Minister is NOT . . .

a counselor or therapist; a problem-solver; a casual visitor.

Stephen Ministry helps meet the needs of individuals who are:

hospitalized; terminally ill; bereaved; in a job crisis; new members of the church; disabled; homebound; lonely; in a spiritual crisis; or looking for a caring Christian friend.

Stephen Ministers Care

WHAT DO STEPHEN MINISTERS DO?

Stephen Ministers:

Listen; Explore feelings; Pray; Share Christ’s love; Maintain confidentiality; Attend to the caregiving process and leave the results to God

Stephen Ministers care for people who are:

Grieving; In a crisis; In need of long-term care; Dying; Hospitalized; Divorcing; Experiencing losses as they age; Going through a crisis of childbirth; The family and friends of people in crisis

APPLICATIONS FOR THE NEXT TRAINING CLASS

We are happy to announce that we are accepting applications once again for those interested in serving as Stephen Ministers. Applications are available at the Welcome Table, the Pastoral Center and Duval Center after mass. Applications are due January 19th, 2009. An interview is required. New trainees begin service in July of 2010.

If you are interested or have a question at any time feel free to contact Michael Delbuono or Karen Pittirri, our current Stephen Leaders at the Stephen Ministry number (310) 566-1575. Current and past Stephen Ministers will be available after all the liturgies January 10th and 17th in the Duval Center as well. On Wednesday, January 13th beginning at 7pm in the Pastoral Center a special informational meeting on being a Stephen Minister will be held.

Completed applications can be left in Pastoral Associate Delis G. Alejandro’s mailbox at the Pastoral Center or you can mail it to her at 725 California Avenue, Santa Monica, California, 90403.

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THE WEEK’S HIGHLIGHTS

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Our Bereavement Group meets for an eleven-week session, and is open to anyone who is still grieving a loved one through death, whether the loss occurred recently or many years ago. Our next session begins on January 7, 2010, with an orientation meeting in the Spirituality Center. If you would like to register for the group, or have any questions about whether the group is right for you, please contact **Christine** at christine@stmonica.net or (310) 566-1530.

ST. JUDE SUPPORT GROUP

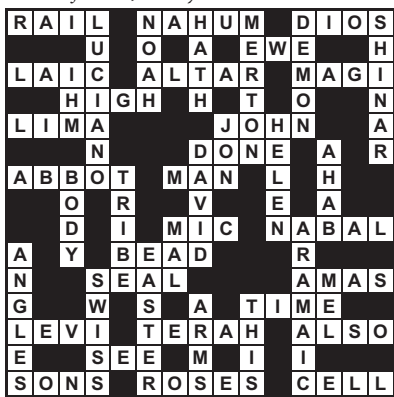
Join the St. Jude Autoimmune and Chronic Illness Support Network on the 1st Monday of the Month at 5:30 pm in the Pastoral Center for education and support. Next meeting: Monday, January 11th. Please note that due to the Holidays, January’s meeting is the second Monday of the month. In February we resume first Mondays. Contact **Pala** at LAsylum@aol.com for more info.

THE PHOENIX MINISTRY

The Phoenix Ministry is a St. Monica Catholic Community peer support group for those experiencing a separation and/or divorce that meet Wednesday nights in the Spirituality Center from 7 to 8:30 pm. The next Phoenix Group series resumes February 3rd. Please contact **Jynyvy** at (310) 857-8209 or jynyvy@yahoo.com or **Ed** at (310) 824 3380 or pick up a flyer at the Welcome Table.

Fun for the Family

Answers for the January 3rd crossword.

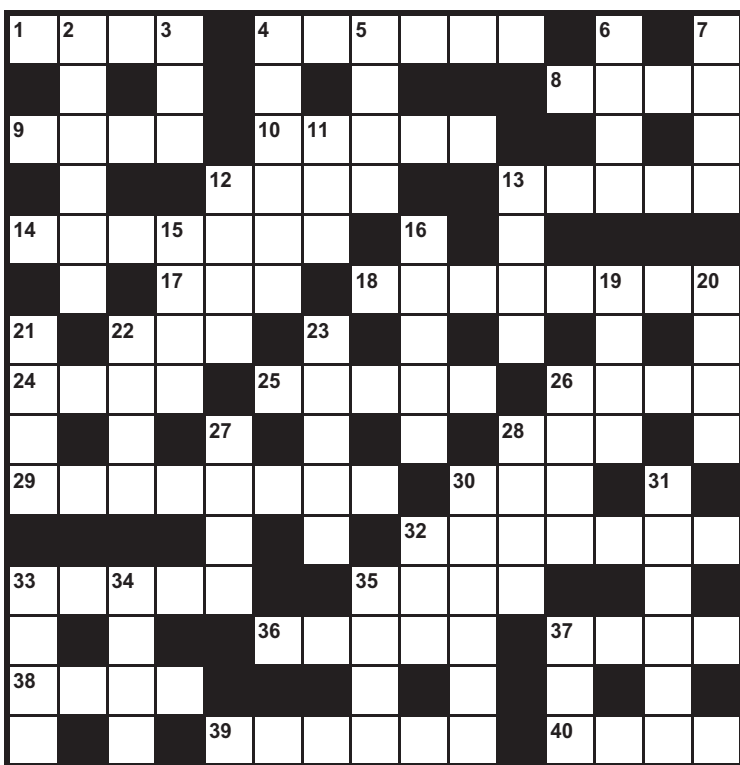


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ACROSS

- 1 The apostles were put in this for preaching about Jesus
- 4 "Great" teacher of Aquinas
- 8 Paul and Silas' prison doors after the earthquake (Acts 16:25-27)
- 9 "You are the ____ of the earth" (Mt 5:13)
- 10 On the first day of this month after the flood, the mountaintops appeared
- 12 Influential Catholic Hollywood costume designer
- 13 Catholic horror actor
- 14 St. ____ de Paul
- 17 This describes Sarah when she gave birth to Isaac
- 18 Pertaining to Scripture
- 22 Catholic cartoonist Keane of "Family Circus"
- 24 Last word
- 25 Diocese in Idaho
- 26 ____ Holy Queen
- 28 Mattress for the Baby Jesus?
- 29 The Vine and the ____
- 30 OT prophetic bk.
- 32 Joshua brought down the walls of this city
- 33 "____ Angelicus"
- 35 Our Lady, ____ of Christians
- 36 Worship
- 37 Final stop for Paul in Acts
- 38 Large crucifix
- 39 Series of nine
- 40 Liturgy

DOWN

- 2 Biblical wood
- 3 He traveled with Abraham
- 4 Be present at Mass
- 5 "Whatever you ____ on earth will be bound in heaven..."
- 6 Recent pope, affectionately
- 7 Genuflection joint
- 11 "When we ____ this bread..."
- 12 Paradise Lost?
- 13 Chalice covering
- 15 Parable of the ____ in the fish
- 16 "So the last shall be ____" (Mt 20:16)
- 19 Feet in the image beheld by Nebuchadnezzar
- 20 Easter flower
- 21 "Behold the ____ of God"
- 22 Catholic horror actor Lugosi
- 23 Commandment word
- 26 Ology that is the study of the lives of the saints
- 27 NT book that follows John
- 28 Biblical instrument
- 30 Diocese in Montana
- 31 Doubting apostle
- 32 OT prophetic bk.
- 33 Homeland of the first American-born saint
- 34 Angelus time
- 35 One of the three theological virtues
- 37 Animal of sacrifice in the Old Testament

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Child Abuse Hotline: (800) 541-4000
Domestic and Teen Abuse: (800) 992-2600
Domestic Violence Hotline: (310) 370-5902
Elder Abuse Hotline: (877) 477-3646
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MARRIAGE MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

An 8-hour training session to become a FOCCUS facilitator will be held **Wednesday, January 13th, at the Immaculate Heart Retreat Center in Los Angeles.** Training held in both English and Spanish. FOCCUS is a Premarital Assessment Instrument. \$150 per person; a spouse may attend at no extra charge. Contact **Ian Hagan** to register or for more info: ihagen@la-archdiocese.org or (213) 637-7213.

"BEGINNING EXPERIENCE" WORKSHOP

January 15-17, 2010
Holy Spirit Retreat Center in Encino

A "Beginning Experience" Workshop will be held for those who have experienced the loss of a spouse through death, divorce/separation. This program helps one to move from the darkness of grief into the light of a new beginning. For info and registration, call **Brenda Mikhail (818) 352-5265.**

POWER OF SOCIAL MEDIA

Career BridgeBuilders ministry sponsored by American Martyrs Church in Manhattan Beach will kick off the New Year with its first "Speaker Series" on Thursday, January 14 that will focus on the power of social media for product marketing, personal branding and job searching.. Karl Kasca will be this month's guest speaker and is an expert in Social Media Marketing. For more details and to register please go to careerbridgebuilders.org



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 Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
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FAITH-SHARING QUESTIONS

THEME: Baptism gives us new life

ADULTS: What meaning does your Baptism have for your everyday life?

CHILDREN: Why does Baptism make you special?



NEXT WEEK: JANUARY 10 - JANUARY 16

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
LOAVES AND FISHES FOOD DRIVE <i>After All Masses</i> BOOKSTORE OPEN 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. ART OF LIVING BREATHING SESSION 3:00 p.m. (SC)	ST. JUDE AUTOIMMUNE GROUP 5:30 p.m. (PC) RCIA MONDAY NIGHT 7:30 p.m. (T) MEN'S CORNERSTONE 7:00 p.m. (D)	SERRA CLUB 6:30 p.m. (SC) WOMEN'S ACA 7:00 p.m. (D) SPIRITUALITY 12 STEPS 7:30 p.m. (T) LEGION OF MARY 7:00 p.m. (SC) YMA VESPERS 7:30 p.m. (SC)	BIBLE STUDY 6:30 p.m. (T) CHRISTIAN MEDITATION 7:30 p.m. (SPC) BAPTISM CLASS 7:15 p.m. (D) SEPARATED AND DIVORCED 7:30 (SC)	FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY 6:00 p.m. (PC)	RESPECT LIFE ROSARY 5:00 p.m. (C)	

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NEXT WEEK: JANUARY 17 - JANUARY 23

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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